

Remarks

No claims have been amended. Claims 1-12, 14-16 and 22-29 have been canceled. New claims 30-51 have been added. Therefore, claims 30-51 are now presented for examination.

In a Final Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, claims 11, 4-5, 9, 12, 14, 22 and 25-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Carr (U.S. Patent No. 5,293,379). Further, claims 2-3, 10-11, 16, and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Carr as applied to Claims 1, 9, and 22, and further in view of Unger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,713). In addition, claims 6-8, 15, and 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Carr in view of Unger as discussed above, and further in view of Ackley (U.S. Patent No. 6,422,476).

Applicant submits that the above rejections have been obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-12, 14-16 and 22-29. Further, applicant submits that new claims 30-51 are patentable over Carr, and any combination of Carr, Unger and Ackley.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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